

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

February 15, 2005

The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on February 15, 2005, at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453.

Present: Darpel, Hanson, Jarzembowski, Marczuk, and Milauckas

Absent: Rausch, Olendorf

~~Also present: Planner Mark Sisson.~~

Chairman Milauckas called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Commission decided to review the minutes of the special meetings of 2/2/2005 and 2/7/2005 and reserve the review of the 1/24/2005 minutes until the next regular meeting.

Darpel moved to approve the minutes of 2/2/2005 as submitted and Marczuk seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jarzembowski joined the meeting at 5:25. After some discussion of modifications to the minutes, Darpel moved to approve the minutes of 2/7/2005 as modified and Jarzembowski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Milauckas discussed the changes in Michigan Law (PA 577 of 2004) that permit a township to subject land proposed for rezoning to specific additional land use requirements, as a condition to the rezoning of the land. Milauckas asked members of the commission to take charge of various parts of the proposed new zoning ordinances. The following assignments were made:

Building Design: Darpel

Outdoor Lighting: Olendorf

Tree Preservation: Milauckas

Parking, Landscape, Access Management: Marczuk and Jarzembowski

Private Roads and Signage: Hanson

Milauckas said it would be desirable to package the proposed ordinances together in one group and have one hearing. Some parts of the proposed ordinances relate closely to other sections and will have to be coordinated. Darpel said he planned to put together a single section for building design standards and each zoning district ordinance would refer to that section. Milauckas gave Jarzembowski some information on what was needed in parking, landscape and access management. The ordinance needs to provide flexibility to the PC to locate drives and parking. Milauckas asked the members to start with a memo that puts together a concept, including what needed to be in the new ordinance, and reviewing alternatives that might be possible. Those memos would be reviewed with the PC. Once discussed technical questions could be forwarded to Planner Sisson who could write the ordinance language. After review with township attorney the proposed ordinances could be approved and forwarded on to the Township Board.

There was a short discussion on an ordinance permitting living quarters above a garage that Olendorf was putting together. Milauckas said that Olendorf needs to raise the request at a meeting in the format he wants. Marczuk gave a Tri-Community Plan meeting update. City of Saugatuck requested removal of references to a joint planning commission or other government consolidations in the Plan text.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting is February 28, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

Jim Hanson, Recording Secretary

Sandy Rausch, Secretary
MOTIONS

1. A motion by Darpel/Marczuk to approve the minutes of 2/2/05 as submitted.
2. A motion by Darpel/Jarzembowski to approve the minutes of 2/7/05 as modified.